

"Lori Ketner Examines Law & Justice at the Presidential Classroom in Washington D.C."



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Lori Ketner, a junior at Hug High School, attended Presidential Classroom's Law and Justice in a Democracy Program, in Washington, D.C. this past June. Presidential Classroom (PC), the leader in civic education, provides the best and brightest high school juniors and seniors unprecedented access to the leaders who shape America's public policy. Participants explore the federal legal system and issues of freedom and order in a democratic society.

Lori is an outstanding student at Hug High School. She currently has a 3.86 GPA and plans to pursue a career in criminal justice. She is a GEAR UP Scholar, a student member of the Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association Mentor Program, Mock Trial Program, Upward Bound, and Renaissance Program. Lori also volunteers as a mentor at a Head Start site in Reno, and is a member of a softball team.

During the week-long program, PC Scholars interact with Washington insiders, including members of Congress, Presidential appointees, senior military officials, top business leaders and journalists. Students observe the U.S. Congress in action, visit their congressional offices and debate current issues with peers from the United States and abroad. They also visit the renowned sites of our nation's capital such as the White House (by special invitation), the U.S. Department of State and Arlington National Cemetery. Additional program highlights include a seminar on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, a Supreme Court briefing, Student Moot Court, and visits to area law firms. For more information on the Presidential Classroom visit the website at www.presidentialclassroom.org

"Whether you think you can or think you can't you're right" Henry Ford

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Youth Leadership Summit "McDermitt's Katie Hill selected to attend"



The 2005 National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCPEP) Booz Allen Hamilton Youth Leadership Summit was held in San Francisco, CA, July 16-20. The goal of the Youth Leadership Summit was to allow students to voice their opinions, concerns, and suggestions pertaining to education through a report to NCCPEP Annual conference attendees. During the Summit, students engaged in active discussions regarding the challenges and successes facing education today from their perspective. They had the opportunity to compare and contrast their experiences with students from a variety of other backgrounds, schools and regions. Additionally, students participated in leadership development, teambuilding, and brainstorming sessions, all while working towards creating their summit report. The Summit concluded with the students' presentation of their report to the NCCPEP Annual Conference attendees. *Continued on page 2*

GEAR UP PADRES

GEAR UP es un programa de apollo a los estudiantes y padres con información y actividades para prepararlos para el colegio.

Suéñelo
Créalo
Lógrelo

Favor de llamarle al consejero escolar de su hijo/hija para la información acerca del Programa GEAR UP.

GEAR UP State Council Meeting



Clark High School Challenge students

The Nevada State GEAR UP Council had an opportunity to hear directly from GEAR UP students during their fall meeting in Las Vegas. Ten Clark High School GEAR UP students who attended the NCCEP National Conference in San Francisco this past July spoke of the impact the conference had on their plans for college and the opportunities they had to practice leadership skills while in attendance at the conference. While in San Francisco, students enjoyed a tour of the city as well as the highlight of the trip, a visit to the Stanford University Campus, where they learned of the opportunity to attend elite schools through excellent grades and scholarship assistance.

"Access Conference" held at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Resort

The Access Conference, sponsored by Minority Access, Inc. was held at The Mandalay Bay Hotel and Resort on September 13th. The conference was attended by approximately 400 GEAR UP and AVID students who had the opportunity to visit college booths in order to check out program offerings and speak individually with college representatives. The students also heard from speakers who discussed the awards and challenges of going to college. They emphasized the need to make a plan, work hard in school and overcome obstacles. The students found the speakers easy to relate to, and gained a lot of valuable information. Students also had the opportunity to mingle with students from other schools who have goals similar to their own.



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Thirty students were selected to be first time attendees at the Summit. These students, known as scholars, come from GEAR UP programs throughout the United States and its territories. Scholars were selected based on their academic achievements, leadership roles and letters of recommendation. Katie Hill, a sophomore at McDermitt High School was selected to attend the Summit. Katie has an outstanding GPA and hopes to receive the Millennium, GEAR UP, and other scholarships when she graduates from high school in 2007. Katie is very involved in extracurricular activities at school such as volleyball, basketball, and track, as well as student

government. Katie is also involved in the Learn and Serve America grant in McDermitt. She has taken advantage of the many opportunities available to her such as the GEAR UP college preparatory program, tutoring, advanced classes and college visits. Katie represented over 10,000 GEAR UP students in Nevada at the NCCEP Leadership Summit.

GEAR UP students who have completed the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades by the conclusion of the 2005-2006 school year and are interested in attending the 2006 Youth Leadership Summit are encouraged to apply. Applications will be available this spring 2006.

A "To Do List" for Juniors

- Update your student planner to include completed 10th grade classes and current 11th grade classes.
- Your coursework should include advanced math and English. Maintain "A's" and "B's". Your Millennium Scholarship depends on it.
- Nevada's colleges and universities offer courses for dual credit. That means when you take a recognized college course you receive both high school and college credit. Talk to your counselor to see if your high school has a dual credit agreement with your local university or community college.
- Consider taking AP (Advanced Placement) classes.
- Register, study and take PSAT/NMSQT to enter the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Contact your high school counselor for information.
- Create a list of potential colleges you would like to attend. Send letters or emails to colleges on your list requesting information, and evaluate the materials with your parents. Remember, the Millennium Scholarship is your passport into Nevada's colleges and universities.
- Attend college fairs and sessions with college representatives at your school to get more information. All Nevada colleges and universities have programs for visiting high school students. Make appointments for college tours.
- Schedule an appointment with a financial aid counselor to learn more about the college's financial aid opportunities. Be sure to bring your parents!
- Take the college entrance exams this spring or summer. You will get the results back in time to see if you need to retake the test in the fall or your senior year. Registration is usually one month in advance.
- Prepare for the SAT or ACT by reviewing books with testing tips and sample questions. These can be found in bookstores, libraries, schools or the internet. Attend a workshop on how to prepare for the exam. Financial aid may be available for some workshops and test fees. For more information, visit www.act.org (ACT) and www.collegeboard.com (SAT)
- Apply for a social security number since it is required on many college and financial aid applications.
- Continue your research on federal, state and private scholarships by finding out what awards students in your school and community are receiving.
- Be sure to take any required college admissions tests and submit all admissions, financial aid, and any campus housing paperwork on time. It is crucial that you are aware of the submission deadlines. They vary among schools and are subject to change.

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www.collegeispossible.org

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www.mapping-your-future.org

Provides helpful information about college and career planning, and has sections for middle to high school students and parents.

www.collegelife.about.com

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www.usafunds.org

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www.nevada.collegeanswer.com

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